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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

Inventor(s) : Kazuo HORIKAWA  
Serial Number : 09/990,270  
Filed : November 23, 2001  
For : LOCK CLEVER DEVICE FOR WORKING IMPLEMENT  
DRIVE CONTROL SYSTEM OF CONSTRUCTION  
MACHINE VEHICLE  
Examiner : Bradley J. Van Pelt  
Group Art Unit : 3682

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PETITION FOR A ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

The Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

April 12, 2004

Dear Sir:

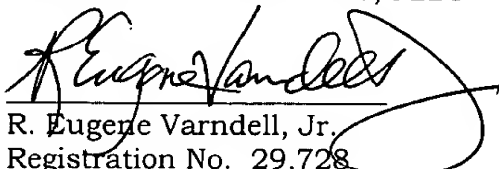
Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136, applicant hereby petitions for a one-month extension of time for filing a response to the Official action mailed December 12, 2003. The Official action mailed December 12, 2003, set forth a three-month period for response. Accordingly, this petition for a one-month extension of time extends the due date for filing a response to April 12, 2004.

A check in the amount of ONE HUNDRED TEN DOLLARS (\$110.00) for the one-month extension of time fee is attached hereto.

In the event this paper is not timely filed, applicant hereby petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee therefor, as well as any deficiency in the payment of the required fee(s) or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 22-0256.

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